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The Honorable Joseph A. Dickson
United States Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
District of New Jersey
50 Walnut Street
Newark, NJ 07101

**Re: Pricaspian Development Corporation, et al
v. Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., et al
Case No: 2:11-CV-03525-CCC-JAD**

Dear Judge Dickson:

This firm represents Jack J. Grynberg, Pricaspian Development Corporation, RSM Production Corporation, and Gadeco LLC, ("Plaintiffs'") concerning the above captioned matter.

Please accept this letter memorandum in support of Plaintiffs' request for an order directing substituted service as to defendant Goldman Sachs International ("GSI") by personal service to Goldman Sachs Group Inc.'s ("GSGI's") New York headquarters Legal Department.

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I. FACTS

Plaintiffs attempted service on GSI by personally serving a copy of the summons and complaint to GSGI's Legal Department at 200 West Street, New York, NY. The Legal Department accepted service for GSGI (see docket #6) but declined to accept service on behalf of GSI because GSI is a company registered in Great Britain.

While Plaintiffs do not know the complete corporate structure of GSI and GSGI, GSI ultimately is a wholly owned subsidiary of GSGI. (See Exhibit A, p. 1 ¶ 2(a.) relevant portion of GSI's Directors' report and Financial Statements, dated December 31, 2011, attached to Cert of Raymond Marelic.) GSGI performs substantial functions for GSI such as sponsoring a stock incentive plan (Id. at p. 2, ¶ 11 and p. 3, ¶ 1(f.)) GSGI performs financial risk management for GSI (Id. at p. 4, ¶ 27), GSGI's consolidated financial statements include GSI. Id. at p. , ¶ 29). Peter Sutherland, chairman of GSI is also an advisory director of GSGI. (See relevant page of GSGI's annual report attached as Exhibit B to Cert. Raymond Marelic.) Since GSGI performs substantial functions for GSI, GSGI is an agent of GSI and may receive service of process on behalf of GSI. Plaintiffs

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will incur substantial, unnecessary expense and delay in order to serve GSI in Great Britain.

II. PLAINTIFFS RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE COURT GRANT PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE PURSUANT TO THE STANDARDS SET OUT IN Fed.R.4(f)(3)

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(f)(3) permits service on an individual or corporation in a foreign country "by . . . means not prohibited by international agreement as may be directed by the court." Fed. R. Civ.P. 4(f)(3). It is not necessary for a party to attempt service pursuant to Rules 4(f)(1) or 4(f)(2) before seeking a court order under Rule 4(f)(3). Rio Properties, Inc. v. Rio Int'l Interlink, 284 F.3d 1007, 1015 (9th Cir. 2002) ("[N]o language in Rules 4(f)(1) or 4(f)(2) indicates their primacy, and certainly Rule 4(f)(3) includes no qualifiers or limitations which indicate its availability only after attempting service. . . by other means.")

To satisfy due process, the method of service directed by the Court must be "reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections." Mullane v. Cent. Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 339 U.S. 306, 314, 70 S.Ct. 652 (1950). Service upon GSGI will provide GSI with notice of Plaintiffs' lawsuit since GSI is a subsidiary of GSGI and GSGI performs substantial functions for GSI. GSGI

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may be considered an agent of GSI. Gottlieb v. Sandia American Corp., 452 F.2d 510, 513 (3rd Cir.) cert. denied sub nom. Wechsler v. Gottlieb, 404 U.S. 938(1971). (Agent typically performs duties which are "sufficiently necessary" to the corporation's operations.). GSGB performance of financial risk management on behalf of GSI and GSGI's inclusion of GSI's employees in its stock incentive plan are sufficiently necessary for GSI's operations. Since an agency relationship exists between GSGi and GSI, GSGI may properly be served. Milligan v. Anderson, 522 F.2d 1202, 1205-07(10th Cir. 1975)

Not only have court's authorized substituted service on a parent corporation but courts have authorized a wide variety of substitute means of service, including standard and registered mail, publication, facsimile and email under Rule 4(f)(3). See SEC v. Tome, 833 F.3d 1086, 1094 (2d Cir. 1987) (service by publication); Smith v. Islamic Emirate, 2001 WL 1658211 at *2-3 (S.D.N.Y. 2001); Levin v. Ruby Trading Corp., 248 F.Supp 537, 541044 (S.D.N.Y. 1965) (service by ordinary mail); Broadfoot v. Diaz, 245 B.R. 713, 719-20 (Bankr.N.D.Ga. 2000) (service by e-mail).

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III. Conclusion

Accordingly, based on all of the foregoing, Plaintiffs respectfully request the court GRANT Plaintiffs' motion for substituted service upon GSGI of Plaintiffs' summons and complaint issued to GSI.

Respectfully submitted,

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By: /s/ Raymond Marelic
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